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HAKTO 29 IMMEDIATE FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO DON RUMFELD:
"IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT ANY BRIEFING IN BRUSSELS ON THURSDAY
IS TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION, AND EVEN FRIDAY NOW LOOKS DOUBTFUL.
I RECOGNIZE HOW DIFFICULT THIS IS FOR YOU WITH LUNS BUT FEEL YOU SHOULD ASK HIM TO KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A FRIDAY BRIEFING AND TELL
HIM THAT THURSDAY IS DEFINITELY OUT.

"ONCE AGAIN, WE CAN'T AFFORD ANY LEAKS FROM BRUSSELS ON OUR CONTINUED DELAYS IN COMING OR SENDING SOMEONE THERE. GIVEN THE WEEKEND IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY BE RUNNING INTO, WOULD IT NOT BE BEST TO TRY TO GET YOU A BRIEFING WHICH YOU WOULD GIVE YOURSELF SOMETIME ON FRIDAY? PLEASE LET ME KNOW THROUGH BEENT SCOWCROFT A S A P."

2. FOR SCOWCROFT: WE WILL BE SENDING YOU LATER FURTHER DETAIL ON OUR TRAVEL PLANS. I THOUGHT, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD GET WORD TO RUMSFELD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

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